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FROM AMBASSADOR SHELTON

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: MASS, NU

SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF HELICOPTERS

1. PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE HAS PROVEN NICARAGUA TO BE A COUNTRY HIGHLY SUSCEPTIBLE TO NATURAL DISASTERS SUCH AS EARTHQUAKES, VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS, HURRICANES, FLOODS, ETC. IN EVERY INSTANCE OF THESE DISASTERS AIRLIFT, ESPECIALLY HELICOPTERS, IS OF IMMEDIATE CONCERN TO PRECLUDE FURTHER LOSS OF LIFE. OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED AS THE ORGANIC CAPABILITY FOR HELICOPTER SEARCH AND RESCUE, AIRLIFT OF SUPPLIES AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL, IS NOW SUPPORTED BY FOUR SMALL OH-6 HELICOPTERS, WHICH ARE NOT DEEMED ADEQUATE.

2. PRESIDENT-ELECT SOMOZA HAS EVIDENCED PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE PURCHASE OF HELICOPTERS CAPABLE OF COPING WITH NATURAL DISASTER CIVIC ACTION SITUATIONS. MEMBERS OF THE USMILGP HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED A STUDY OF HELICOPTERS AVAILABLE AND CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS. UPON MILGP RECOMMENDATION, PRESIDENT-ELECT SOMOZA HAS DIRECTED HIS MILITARY ATTACHE TO SUBMIT A BID FOR PURCHASE OF FOUR H-34C HELICOPTERS ALONG WITH ASSOCIATED SPARES AND TWO ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT TO BE USED FOR CANNIBALIZATION.

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3. REQUEST YOU CONTACT APPROPRIATE D.O.D. OFFICIALS TO EXPEDITE  
TRANSACTION AND TO URGE THAT BEST PRICE POSSIBLE BE OFFERED G.O.N.  
IN THIS TRANSACTION.  
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